

Minutes of the Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club 28TH Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held at Frimley Baptist Church,
Balmoral Drive, Frimley, GU16 9AR - Friday 9th November 2007

Present: Liz Murnaghan (Chair)

Dave Horner (Treasurer)

Jon Mudd (Secretary)

and 63 recorded members of the Club

1. Matters Arising

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. No formal apologies from members were received.

2. Minutes from 2006 AGM

Adoption proposed and approved. (Murray Jones approved and Lis Coleman seconded).

3. Youth presentation

Members of the youth committee discussed their roles on the committee and in the club. There was a detailed look at the youth web-site which supported and complimented the main club website.

Main items included

- The Youth committee have managed to win a grant for £4,500 towards White Water youth development boats. These are to be used on a future Youth trip to the Barle.
- The B3C youth web-site has won a prestigious Hampshire runners up award for web-site design.

4. Chairman's Report

Madam Chair gave her report to members. A copy of the report has been made available on the club's website in the document area.

5 Accounts for the year to 30th June 2007

The treasurer, Dave Horner, presented the accounts and his report with particular emphasis on the key notes below. There was a specific question around asset disposal and if this had been balanced correctly with expenditure. Dave Bevan agreed to take the matter back to the Auditor for discussion and resolution. Findings would be reported back to members. Acceptance of the Report & Accounts was proposed and unanimously approved subject to clarification of the above. (Lis Coleman proposed, Dave Bevan seconded).

Key notes discussed

- Subscriptions - increase @ 5% in financial terms (15 membership units higher)
- Grant of £2000 received from Surrey Heath (8 x TG's/Ottawa's) ; £1000 BCU Southern Region (2 x Hody's and ergo machine; + 8 x Slalom boats); £1000 Surrey Heath (2 x Carolina's); £4,500 Hampshire Youth grant for White Water development boats (8 in total)
- Boat store; Rental increase of £275; income down £390
- Snack bar has made £1000 for 2 x Dynamo's
- Cardington £280 profit - sale of third day to Edmonton CC
- Marathon - continues to contribute to club funds
- Expenses; Capital and Equipment - £5,000 in new boats; £2000 on general equipment (£1,800 for new Leader on order)
- Pool - Still subsidised - improvement on last year
- Insurance for third party, fire and theft at the Club house has been introduced - £43,000 (33k New for Old / 10k standard) Cost @ £615
- Boat store - 4,000 set aside for future Boat House development

6. Subscriptions for 2007 - 2008

The Committee proposed that 'Membership Joining' fees and 'Annual Subscriptions' fees be re-set at the following level. Members were made aware of the significant increases in the quality and number of club boats now available to members. The committee have also needed to support the increased costs in financing boat insurance within risks of fire and theft from the boat-house at Mytchett .

Joining Fee

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| Affiliated Membership | £50.00 |
| Family Membership | £40.00 |
| Adult and Junior Family Membership | £20.00 |
| Associate Membership (non paddling) | £15.00 |

Membership fees

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| Affiliated Membership | £60.00 |
| Family Membership | £50.00 |
| Adult and Junior Family Membership | £25.00 |
| Associate Membership (non paddling) | £15.00 |

Boat Storage Fees will be set at:- £25 for GP's / K1'S; £35 for K2's/Sea Kayaks and £45 for Canadians/Sit on canoes.

Lis Coleman highlighted that boat quality has improved dramatically. Brian Gandy felt that Insurance for boats was now appropriate. General agreement to accept the committee's proposals with respect to membership costs with no members against.

7. Election of the new Committee

a) Chairman Secretary

Liz Murnaghan offered to stand for another year and was proposed and unanimously elected. (Jon Mudd proposed and a number of others unanimously seconded).

b) Secretary

Jon Mudd is willing to stand as Secretary and was proposed and unanimously elected. (Jane Roper proposed and Debbie Carpenter seconded).

c) Treasurer

Dave Horner has come to the end of his term and constitutionally has to step down. All paid respects to Dave for his work and commitment over the previous three years. Liz Murnaghan requested nominations for the post. Katrina Truesdale was nominated by Charles Hicks and seconded by Richard Somerset. No other nominations were received, therefore Katrina Truesdale accepted and was duly elected to the position of Treasurer.

d) Committee Members

Charles Hicks, Brian Biffin, Tracy Rees-Clark, Merry Williams all agreed to stand again. Both Alan Ebbage and Karen Dyer offered their services and spoke as to what they felt they could offer. Members were reluctant to choose so it was agreed that Alan would join the committee as a formal member and Karen would join as a co-opted member.

8). Guest Talk

Guest Speaker, Ian Brown, "Director of the BCA" sent his apologies as he had another Committee appointment in London. (He is Deputy Secretary of a medical charity and the Secretary had been taken ill.) Charles Hicks deputised and gave a talk on the "Future of the Basingstoke Canal").

Key messages included:-

- The views expressed in the talk were Charles views - by being detached from the BCA his presentation would possibly present a less upbeat view of the canal's future.
- Maintenance -there is a significant ongoing back-log of maintenance and repairs required to keep the canal at a useable and acceptable level.
- Funding - The plan is for the two associated counties to support infrastructure and asset management costs and for the six riparian authorities to meet general maintenance costs. Ian Brown hopes to have service level agreements with the six authorities (it remains unclear if they will make this financial commitment).
- The Canal Centre - SCC may be considering selling the site (surveyors have assessed the site). The Café franchise was delayed but is progressing in 2008. They have inhibited any discussions about BCCC increasing its footprint on the site. We may be able to hire a temporary storage container.
- Ian Brown indicating that moorings will be extended and developed; the campsite will be improved; a block of 3 toilets and showers will be added (possibly within partnership); possible lease of a football pitch; a target to increase present income from £50,000 now to £75,000 in 2013. SCC resistance to these plans may still be in place.
- There will be a professional survey of the canal to support a needed defined future strategy. Possible 'Trust' management is been given consideration.
- Charles finalised his talk by saying 'I believe the Chinese have a saying in life *'may you have an interesting life''*'. He does not envy the Canal Director who has inherited a canal that has fallen so quickly in to dilapidation.

9). Presentation of Trophies

The youth committee rejoined the main committee. The trophies were presented by Liz Murnaghan with the support of Richard Somerset.

Millet Cup – Highest scored points for K2 - Alan Ebbage and Keith Ambrose
Davy Trophy – Fastest Double (Hare & Hounds) - Isobel and Naomi Smith
April's Cup – Fastest Lady (H&H) - Isobel Smith
Fastest Male (H&H) - Paul Stearn
Matthews Trophy – Fastest lady in clubs marathon - Naomi Smith
Wills Trophy – Fastest man in Club marathon - Zibiginiew Golebiowsky
Hicks Trophy – Top single H & H - Paul Batchelor
Under 16 Cup – Fastest junior in H & H - Isobel Smith
Canadian Challenge Cup – H & H - Paul Batchelor
Ted Ledger Trophy – Non paddling contribution - Alan Small (services as membership secretary)
James Bilson Memorial Trophy – (overcoming obstacles; personal achievement against all odds) = Not awarded in 2007
Simpson Trophy – Newcomer to Slalom – Ben Lee
Jarman Trophy – Rowan Williams
Marathon under 12 – Ryan Truesdale
Lockey Trophy – Polo – Harry Mudd
Somerset Shield – White Water – Mike Rees-Clark
Most improved open boater - youth - Mike Rees-Clark
Most improved open boater - adult - Nick Biffin
Chairman's Award – Paul Jeffs – (Services as PP co-ordinator)
The Neptune award went to Liz Murnaghan and Pete Absolum for their sterling failure and bone crunching endeavours on the Exe descent.

10) Any Other Business

The Youth committee confirmed that the following people had been elected to serve as officials of the youth committee. Josh Bevan – Chair, Sarah Robinson – Secretary, Hazel Williams – Treasurer. There were 9 overall committee nominations and 8 positions available on the committee and all were filled with an additional co-opted member.

Josh Bevan was presented with the Bart Simpson award for his significant services to the Youth Committee by Paul Robinson.

There being no further business, Liz Murnaghan brought the formal proceedings to a close.

finishes for James F winner of Div 4. Freddy and Jamie winner and 3rd in div 6. Our Club also contributed to the Southern Region winning the Region cup. There have been a large number of promotions this year, James F is now in Div 3; Jamie, Jason, Robin and Freddy have joined Richard, Isobel and Naomi in Div 5. James B, James T, Gez and Mike have moved up to Div 6. This is a welcome reward for all the training they have put in, (which included the Circuit training which we ran for the first time last winter). Thanks must go to Richard, Brian G and their team of racing coaches and helpers.

The summer also saw the Club venture to the National Championships where we finished 11th out of 42 Clubs. Highlights were Naomi and Isobel U14 National Champion and runner up respectively in K1 and together National Champions in U14 Girls K2. James F with a friend from WOK won Div 456K2 and Charles Hicks was 3rd in Men's K1 Over 64 class.

Sprinting is also taking off with increasing numbers trekking to the Nottingham Sprint Regattas

Other competitive disciplines have been a bit quieter. We organised a slalom and polo event for the Southern Region Paddle-sport Challenge but neither of these resulted in members taking the next step up to National Ranking competition. In the 2007/8 Paddle-sport Challenge we fielded 2 teams, the Dippers finished 6th /11 and the Dunkers 8th..

The Club continued with its ever popular Tuesday evening Paddle-power sessions. A big thank you must go to all the coaches and helpers who enabled 62 children to take part in structured paddling activity over 15 weeks. For many a highlight was the trips to Shepperton weir. It is also pleasing to see some of the paddlers who have been through the Paddle-power scheme come back to help as Cadet leaders. The BCU introduced new Star test Awards last season and we have had a number of adults complete the 1 and 2 star awards over the summer.

On the social side we have seen some new events on the calendar. At Easter there was a Youth orientated White-water trip to the Barle using equipment provided by the Hants YOF grant. There was a pub crawl along the canal on a warm summers day and a cold night saw our first Halloween spooky paddle. The traditional events like Cardington and the Boxing Day paddle have gone ahead. We have still had time to paddle favourite rivers and visit new ones. Thanks to everybody for your support over the past year, I look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Liz Murnaghan
Chairman BCCC
31 Oct 2008